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Docket No.: 1254-0299PUS1

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In re Patent Application of:

- Takaji WAKITA et al.

Application No.: 10/558,155

Confirmation No.: 6809

Filed: November 23, 2005

For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT

CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C

VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A

CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

MS PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

	In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated November 3, 2006,
Applica	ant respectfully submits:
\boxtimes	Attached is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements (371 Formalities Letter).
\boxtimes	Attached is the Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney Original Photocopy.
	The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 23, 2005, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date

therewith.

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	The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket Normal of the attached Inventors' Declaration corresponds to November 23, 2005 entitled "A NUCLEIC ACID CONUCLEIC ACID DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A CELL HAVING SUCH NUTRODUCED THEREIN."	o Appl. No.10/558,155 filed NSTRUCT CONTAINING A HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV)
	Attached is an English language translation of the above filed in a foreign language, which should be used as the co	
	See the attached Translator's Verification; or	
	The undersigned states that the English translation correct translation of the application as originally f	
	Attached are @@@ sheet(s) of drawings. Please substitution for the corresponding @@@ sheet(s) of drawings of application.	-
	Attached are substitute claims commencing on a separate C.F.R. § 1.75(h).	te sheet in accordance with 37
	Attached is a substitute abstract commencing on a separa C.F.R. § 1.72(b).	ate sheet in accordance with 37
	Attached is a substitute specification that complies with 3 specification does not contain new matter.	37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The substitute
	Attached is a preliminary amendment.	
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.2	7.
\boxtimes	Attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet (ADS)).

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Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

The Government Filing Surcharge for late filing of oath and/or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on November 23, 2005.

Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: January 3, 2007

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY

MS Sequence Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On November 3, 2006 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed to Applicant's representative a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing for the present application filed November 23, 2005, is identical to the computer readable copy submitted concurrently herewith.

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ATTY, DOCKET NO FIRST NAMED APPLICANT U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. 1254-0299PUS1 Takaji Wakita 10/558.155 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/15038 PRIORITY DATE I.A. FILING DATE 2292 05/26/2003 **BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRC** 11/25/2003 PO BOX 747 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22040-0747 **CONFIRMATION NO. 6809** 371 FORMALITIES LETTER

Date Mailed: 11/03/2006

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 11/23/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 11/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 11/23/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 11/23/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 11/23/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/23/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 11/23/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 11/23/2005
- Specification filed on 11/23/2005
- Claims filed on 11/23/2005
- Abstracts filed on 11/23/2005
- Drawings filed on 11/23/2005
- Paper nucleotide sequence listings filed on 11/23/2005

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604

(September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment specifically directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825 (d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821 (e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

• A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

- For Rules Interpretation, call (571) 272-0951
- For Patentin Software Program Help, call Patent EBC at 1-866-217-9197 or directly at 703-305-3028 / 703-308-6845 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, EST.
- Send e-mail correspondence for Patentin Software Program Help @ ebc@uspto.gov

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit their reply to this notice via EFS-Web. https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/AuthenticateUserLocalEPF.html

For more information about EFS-Web please call the USPTO Electronic Business Center at 1-866-217-9197 or visit our website at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.

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